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1. Oberkommissar Beringe, (fnu), a former sergeant, was commandant of the Volkspolizei School in Torgau (N 52/E 64). Oberkommissar Schuhmann was his deputy. The school had 1,300 trainees and conducted 9-month training courses. The training has had more of a military than of a police character since January 1950. All trainees were billeted in the school. For practical training 12 men rotated on guard duty at the Soviet ammunition depot. *
2. The VP Einsatzkommando in Torgau, which guarded the ammunition depot, was directly subordinate to the Soviets. The unit which consisted of 3 platoons of 100 police each, was commanded by Oberkommissar Breitmayer, (fnu). Kommissar Hoesbach, (fnu), was CO of the first platoon.

* ☐ Comment. The Volkspolizei School at Torgau was known as a school for political indoctrination. ☐

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